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SUBJECT: Moldova Agrees with Non-Recognition of South Ossetia and
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Classified by CDA Kelly Keiderling under 1.4 (b) and (d)

(C) We delivered reftel talking points to Anatole Urechean, Director of the Multilateral Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of European Integration. Urechean expressed his appreciation for the USG analysis, restated the Government of Moldova's disagreement with Russia's recognition of the Georgian enclaves, and noted his concerns about future Russian actions. Speaking of Moldova's secessionist Transnistrian province, Urechean said that President Vladimir Voronin was taking a "calculating but firm" approach with the Russians, and insisting at every opportunity that the withdrawal of Russian troops from Transnistria was a necessity for a settlement of the problem.

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